

Application No.: 09/458,882 MAT-4351US1  
Amendment Dated: December 6, 2004  
Reply to Office Action of: September 10, 2004

**Remarks/Arguments:**

The pending claims are 21-50.

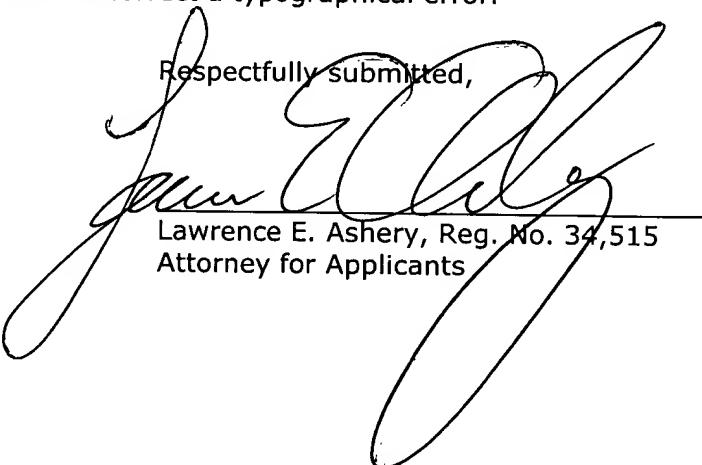
Claims 21-50 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Amendments have been made to claims 21, 23-25, 28-32, and 34-41. Specifically, the Office Action states that it is unclear whether "an image" in line 3 of claim 21 is the same as "an image" in line 6 of the claim. The Office Action contends that the rejection also pertains to claims 23-25, 28-32, 34-41 and 43-50. Claim 21 has been amended to clarify the recitation of "image data". Therefore, the § 112 rejection is now moot and should be withdrawn.

Similar changes have been made to claims 23-25, 28-32, and 34-41.

No changes have been made to claims 43-50 because those claims do not contain the phrases identified by the Office Action in claim 21.

Claim 22 has been amended to correct a typographical error.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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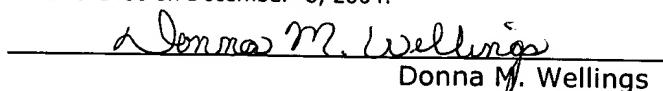
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